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Past climates and climaxes are fully discussed (Chapter XII) under the captions of botanic and zoöic evidences, causes of climatic changes, climatic cycles and finally the correlation of climatic cycles and succession. The succession of plant populations in the various geological areas and periods forms the topic for three additional chapters.

The large number of well-chosen and excellent photographs add materially to the value of the book, which no working ecologist can afford to be without.

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Grout's Moss Flora of New York City and Vicinity*

The study of the local flora of New York City and vicinity has been one of the main activities of the Torrey Botanical Club since its foundation and its members will welcome the appearance of Dr. Grout's attractive booklet on the moss flora of their region. Following so soon the publication of Taylor's "Flora of the Vicinity of New York," which was limited to the spermatophytes and pteridophytes, it will not only stimulate the study of the group of plants with which it is directly concerned, but will also encourage the publication of other special local floras covering the Hepaticae, fungi, algae, etc., of the region of New York City. Dr. Grout's moss flora includes descriptions of the families and genera, keys to the families, genera, and species, notes on the habitat and known distribution of the species, and very successful habit photographs of nineteen of the more characteristic or interesting mosses of the local field.

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NEWS ITEMS

The Board of Governors of the International Garden Club has authorized the publication of a *Journal* devoted to gardening and horticulture. The pages of the new *Journal* will be open to members and others, and it is expected to issue the first number as soon as possible. The Board appointed Norman

* Grout, A. J., *The Moss Flora of New York City and Vicinity*. 8vo, pp. 1-119. *pl.* 1-12. 1916. Published by the author, New Dorp, N. Y.

Taylor, of the Brooklyn Botanic Garden, as editor of the new *Journal*.

A schedule for Arbor Day compositions on Conservation, reprinted from the April number of the *Nature Study Review*, contains many hints and outlines for the guidance of those interested in this work. It will serve the needs of teachers in the schools and is modelled on a schedule which has been used for Arbor Day compositions in the public schools of Greater New York. Copies of this schedule may be had by applying to Mrs. N. L. Britton, New York Botanical Garden, Bronx Park, New York City.